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### **Virginia Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims at 1,933; Administrative and Waste Services, Retail Trade, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, and Health Care and Social Assistance Leading Industries for Claims**

— Seasonally unadjusted weekly initial unemployment insurance claims rose from the previous filing week but remained at near historic lows during that period—

**RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced today initial weekly claims of 1,933, and number of continued claims was 6,971. The continued weeks claims are higher than the previous week but remain at pre-pandemic levels during the most recent filing week.**

For the filing week ending April 9, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 1,933. The latest claims figure was an increase of 95 claimants from the previous week. Over half of initial claims that had a self-reported industry were in administrative and waste services, retail trade, professional, scientific, and technical services, and healthcare and social assistance. Eligibility for benefits is determined on a weekly basis, and so not all weekly claims filed result in a benefit payment. This is because the initial claims numbers represent claim applications; claims are then reviewed for eligibility and legitimacy.

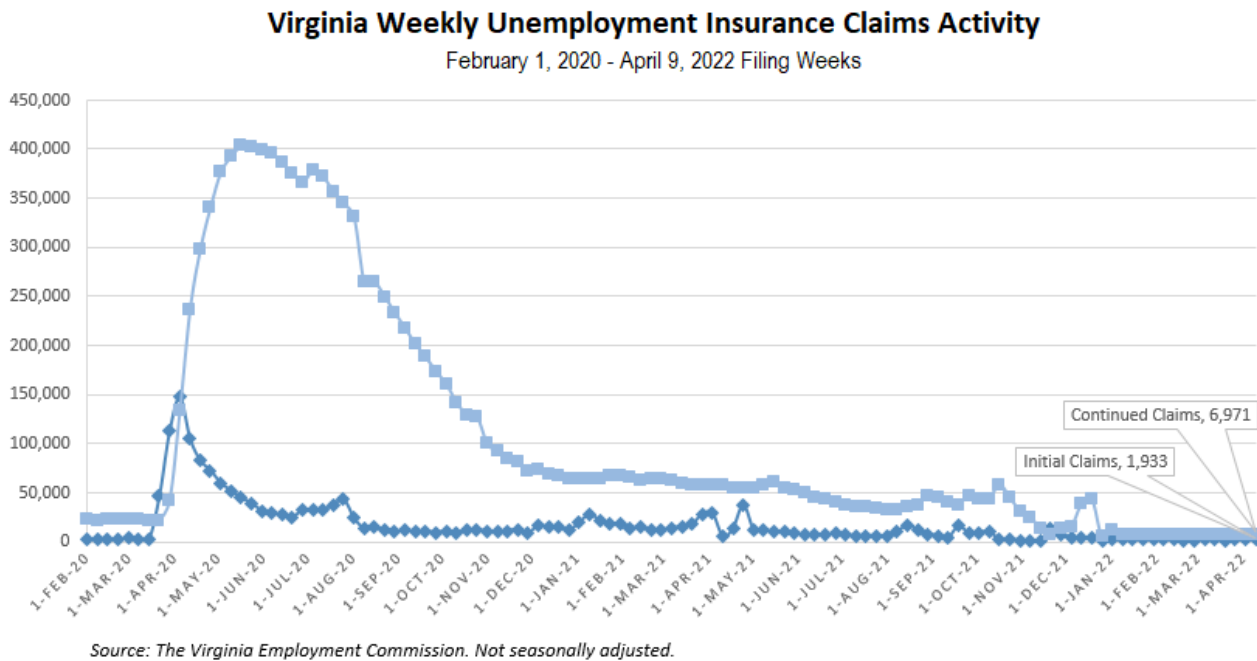
For the most recent filing week, continued weeks claimed totaled 6,971, which was an increase of 264 claims from the previous week and was 88% lower than the 57,371 continued claims from the comparable week last year.

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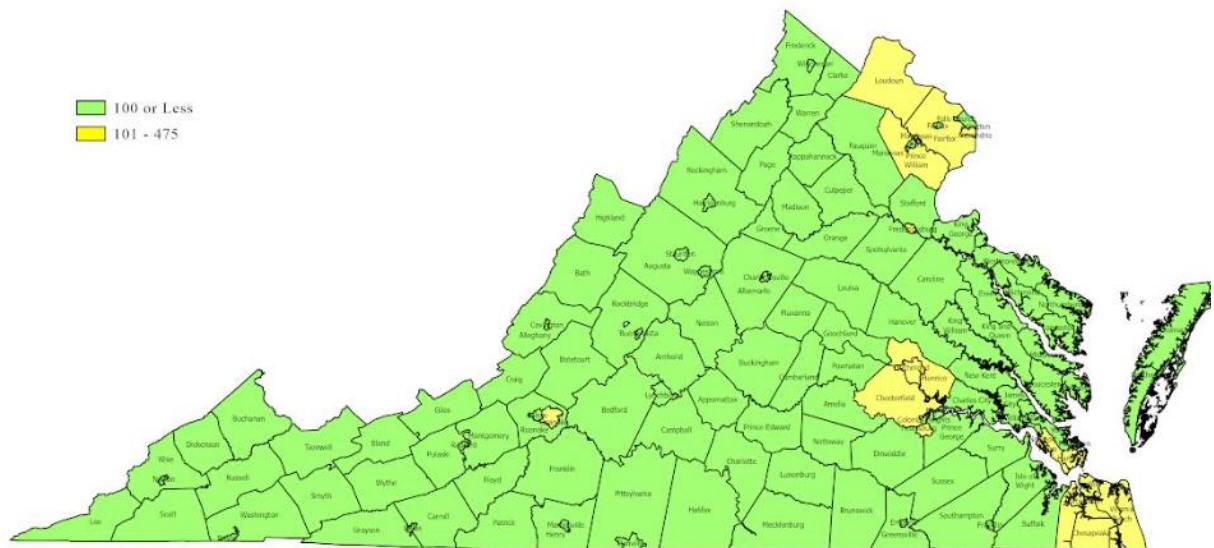
For additional information on who is claiming unemployment insurance in Virginia, access the VEC's [U.I. claims data dashboard](https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard) (<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/ui-claims-dashboard>) that is updated no later than the following Monday after the weekly claims press release. The weekly demographic claims data report is no longer available. Demographic data is available on the [virginiaworks.com](https://virginiaworks.com) download center unemployment insurance claims files on a monthly basis.



In the week ending April 9, the advance U.S. figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 185,000, an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 1,000 from 166,000 to 167,000. The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 222,545 in the week ending April 9, an increase of 28,151 (or 14.5 percent) from the previous week. There were 620,420 initial claims in the comparable week in 2021. Looking at preliminary data, most states reported increases on a seasonally unadjusted basis. Missouri's preliminary weekly change (+7,061) was the largest increase. Michigan's weekly change (+5,928) was the second largest decrease. California's preliminary weekly change (+4,104) was the third largest increase. Indiana's weekly change (+3,481) was the fourth largest increase. Virginia's preliminary weekly change (+296) was the 19th largest increase.

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Continued Unemployment Insurance Claimants by County and City  
Week Ending April 9, 2022



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